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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Mario J. Pérez, Director
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SUBJECT: **RYAN WHITE COMPREHENSIVE AIDS RESOURCE EMERGENCY
(CARE) ACT PART A FISCAL YEAR 2007 FORMULA AWARD**

This will advise you that the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health's Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) has received notification of formula funding for HIV/AIDS services from Part A (formally known as Title I under the previous law) of the newly authorized Ryan White CARE Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, the twelve-months that began March 1, 2007.

The allocation for Los Angeles County for FY 2007 will be \$23,182,654 from the formula pool of Part A of the CARE Act.

Under the new Act, the formula pool consists of two-thirds (changed from one-half in the previous Act) of the overall Part A federal investment. For the first time, Part A formula awards are based on both living HIV and AIDS cases in each jurisdiction. In part based on the considerable effort over the last two years by staff of OAPP and our legislative advocacy partners, code-based HIV cases were considered as part of the calculation to determine the formula portion of our Part A award over the three-year life of the authorization.

The remaining one-third of the Part A investment, the supplemental pool, is expected to be determined and reported by the end of April 2007. The supplemental awards are based on needs demonstrated in the competitive grant applications. OAPP expects to receive the score of the competitive application submitted by Los Angeles County when the supplemental award is announced. At that time, I will provide you with an analysis of the award in the context of all Part A funding (formula plus supplemental) awarded to each Part A jurisdiction.

As you may know, the newly authorized law comes with certain program changes. Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding, of which Los Angeles County received \$2,507,856 in FY 2006 as part of the Title I award, will now require a separate competitive grant application process. The MAI award cycle will be delayed and is expected to begin in August 2007.

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The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH) has the responsibility for allocating Part A funds among service categories. OAPP will share this preliminary allocation information with the COH Executive Committee, and together, we will consider the impact of the partial funding and the change in the MAI funding cycle. OAPP and the Commission will advise you of the results of these deliberations.

Given the uncertainties created by the new authorization, we are pleased that the County received what we consider its fair share for the formula portion of the award.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 351-8001.

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